GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING
LOK SABHA

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BROADCASTING OF OBSCENE ALBUM ON CABLE/DD
NANDIPAKU VENKATASWAMY

Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government are aware of the fact that several Hindi Private Music VideoAlbums are depicting females in obscene and semi-nude forms;

(b) if so, whether the Government have issued orders for stopping broadcasting of such albums on Private and DD Channels;

(c) if so, whether any action is being taken against the producers of these albums;

(d) if so, whether any explanation is called from Censor Board for issuing certification of these albums;

(e) if so, the details thereof; and

(f) if not, the reasons therefor ?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI RAVI SHANKAR PRASAD)

(a) to (c): Complaints/suggestions expressing concerns about Programmes/ Advertisements on TV Channels are received from time to time. Programmes of Satellite Channels when transmitted/ retransmitted through the Cable Network are required toadhere to the Programme Code prescribed under the Cable Television Network(Regulation) Act 1995 and Rules framed thereunder. The Programme Code, inter-alia, prescribes that no programme shall be carried in the cable service which offends good taste and decency, denigrates women, contains anything obscene or is not suitable for unrestricted public exhibition. Show Cause Notices were issued to two private TV Channels for telecasting Hindi songs in violation of the Code. Show Cause Notices havealso been issued recently to TV Channels for telecasting songs from a Hindi Filmcertified `A` by Central Board of Film Certification,in violation of the Code.

(d) to (f): The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.